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BY FAX TRANSMISSION (802-828-2928)

Mr. Eric Gilbertson Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer National Life Office Building Drawer 20 Montpelier, VT 05620

Re:

Twin State Railroad Company -- Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service in Caledonia and Essex Counties, Vermont -- Surface

Transportation Board Docket No. AB-862X

Dear Mr. Gilbertson:

As a follow-up to my earlier letter today, I have just learned that salvage operations have begun on the recently abandoned Lamoille Valley Railroad line between Swanton, Vermont and St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

Could you please advise me as to what arrangements were made with your office with respect to the Lamoille Valley line, so as to permit these salvage operations. This information might serve as a useful model for the contemplated salvage operations on the Twin State Railroad line.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

David H. Anderson Counsel for Twin State Railroad Company

cc: Mr. David Navecky Section of Energy and Environment

Surface Transportation Board